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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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Additionally, an error was found in the Oakland data for one carrier for 40ft high-cube containers; no other locations, container types or carrier responses were impacted. The Oakland data was updated in this report on June 6, 2014.

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Kansas City

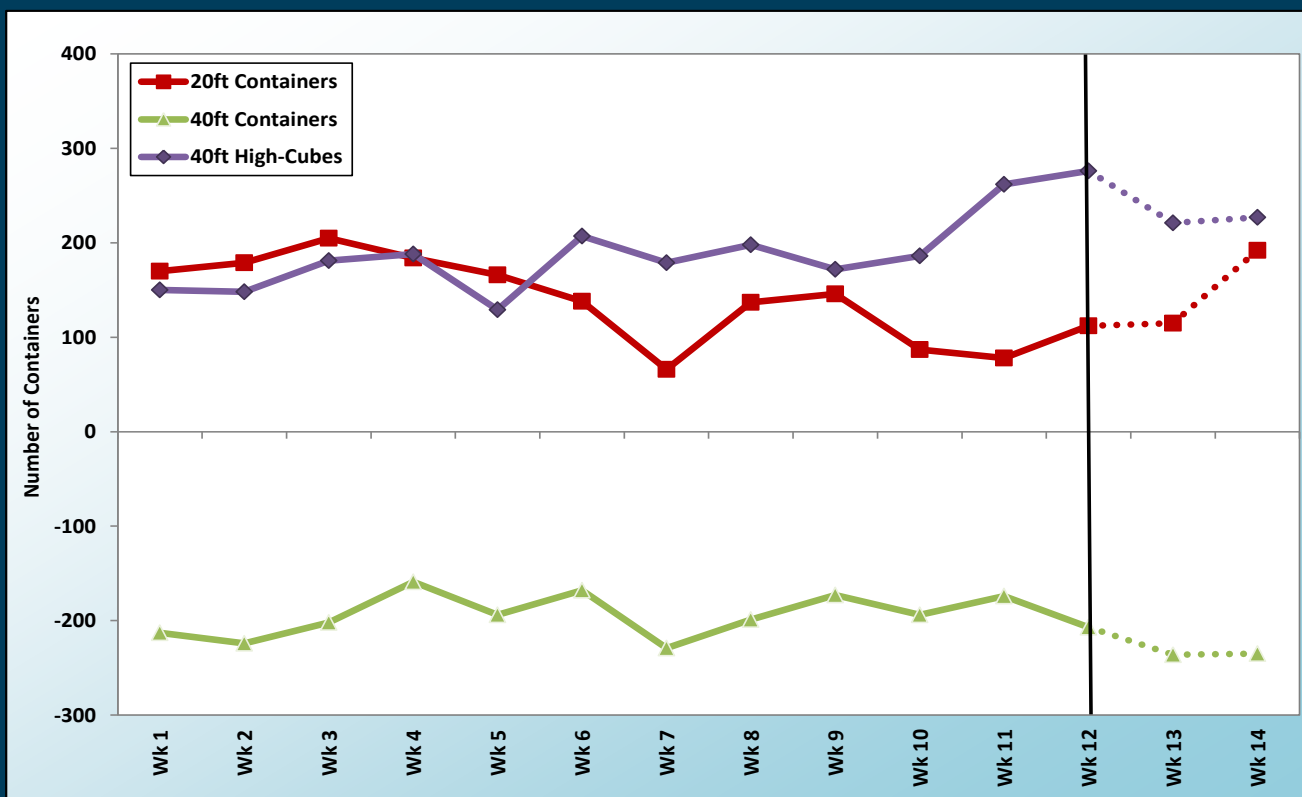
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The Kansas City inland port region is a key and growing intermodal hub for containerized grain exporters in the nation's heartland. Kansas City is generally regarded as the second largest inland intermodal rail hub in the country. In October 2013, BNSF opened Logistics Park Kansas City, offering even more fluid cargo traffic through the region. The wide array of import distribution centers allows Kansas City to service import container traffic, creating a pool of empty containers for exporters.

Between April and June of 2013, Kansas City moved more than 195,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, made up more than 83 percent of the total containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Meat products comprised about 5 percent and hides and skins about 3 percent. Approximately 82 percent of these agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers.¹

Container availability estimates for dry 40ft high-cube containers through Kansas City have been on an upward trend since the beginning of the year. Estimates for 20ft dry containers have trended downward, with the exception of 2 weeks in February, when availability increased. Estimates for 40ft dry containers have hovered around -200 since the beginning of the year.² One carrier has had persistent negative availability in Kansas City, which alone has brought the total for 40ft dry containers to below 0. Availability estimates have averaged around 190 40ft high-cube containers per week, 139 20ft containers, and -195 40ft dry containers. This week's estimates increased for 20ft and 40ft high-cube containers, but fell for 40ft dry containers. Over the next 2 weeks, carriers are projecting an increase in the availability of 20ft dry containers but decreases for both 40ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Kansas City, first week of 2014 (Wk 1) through 3rd week of March (Wk 12), with Projections



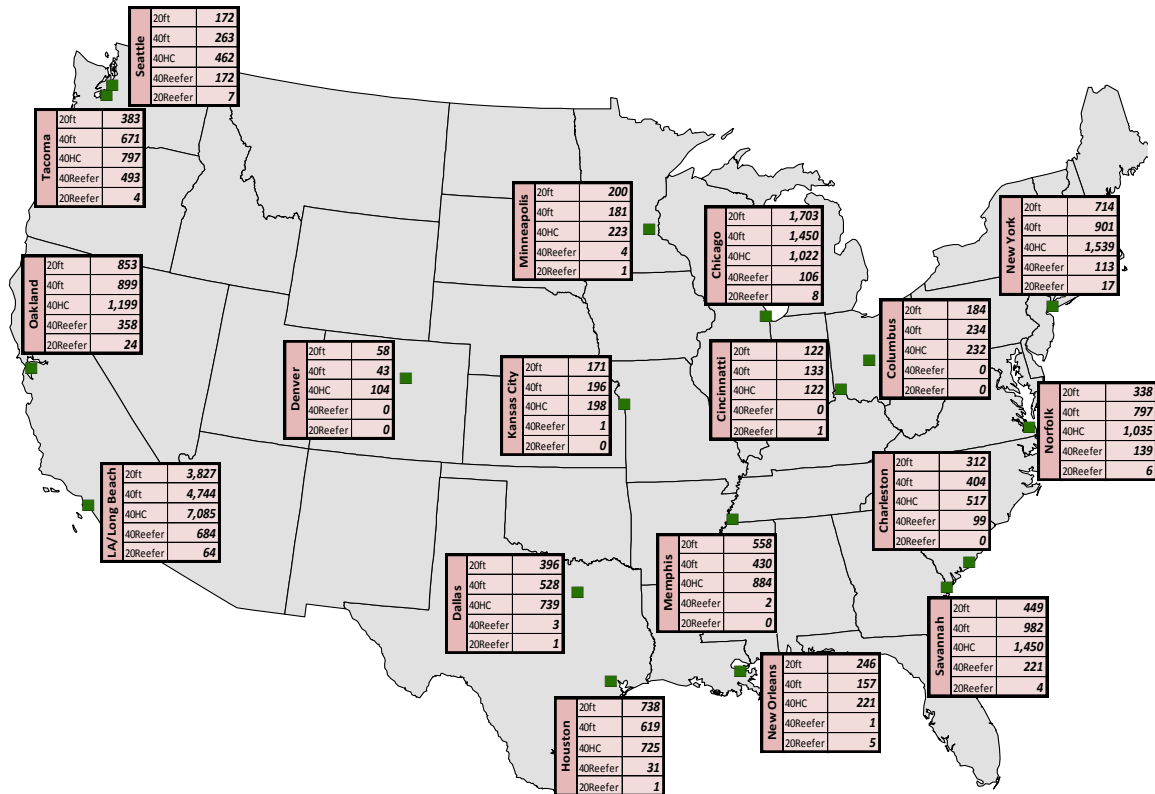
- ¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data.
- ² Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

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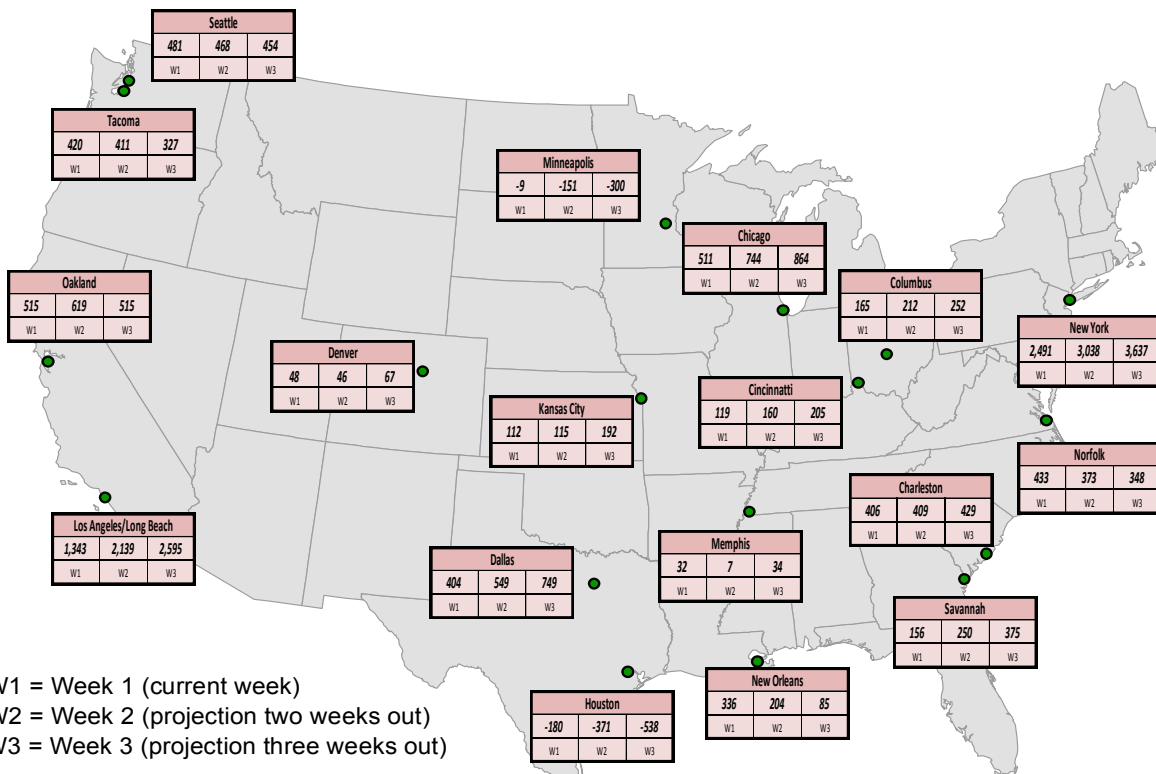
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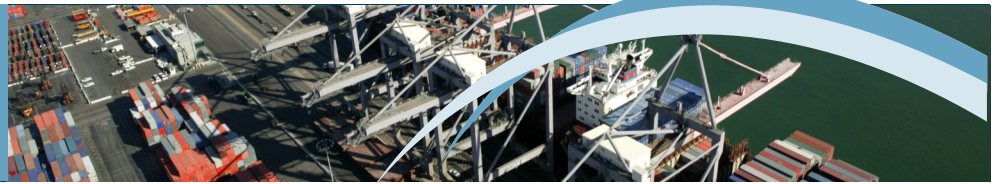
Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



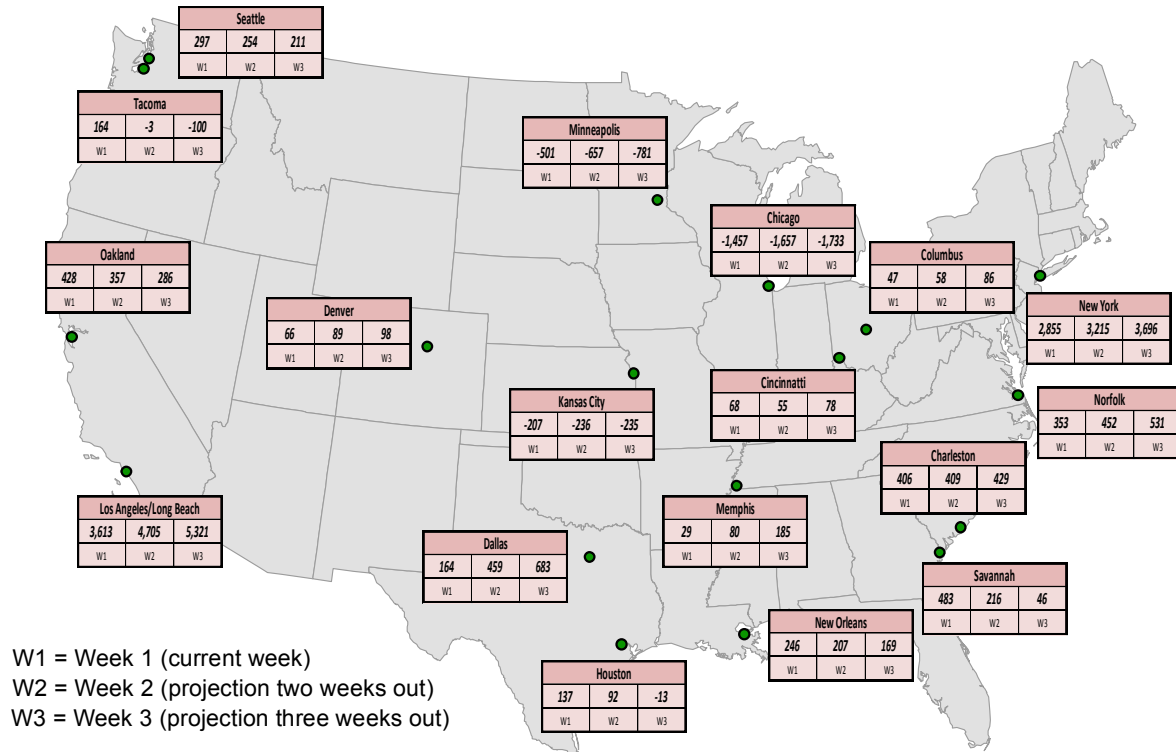
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



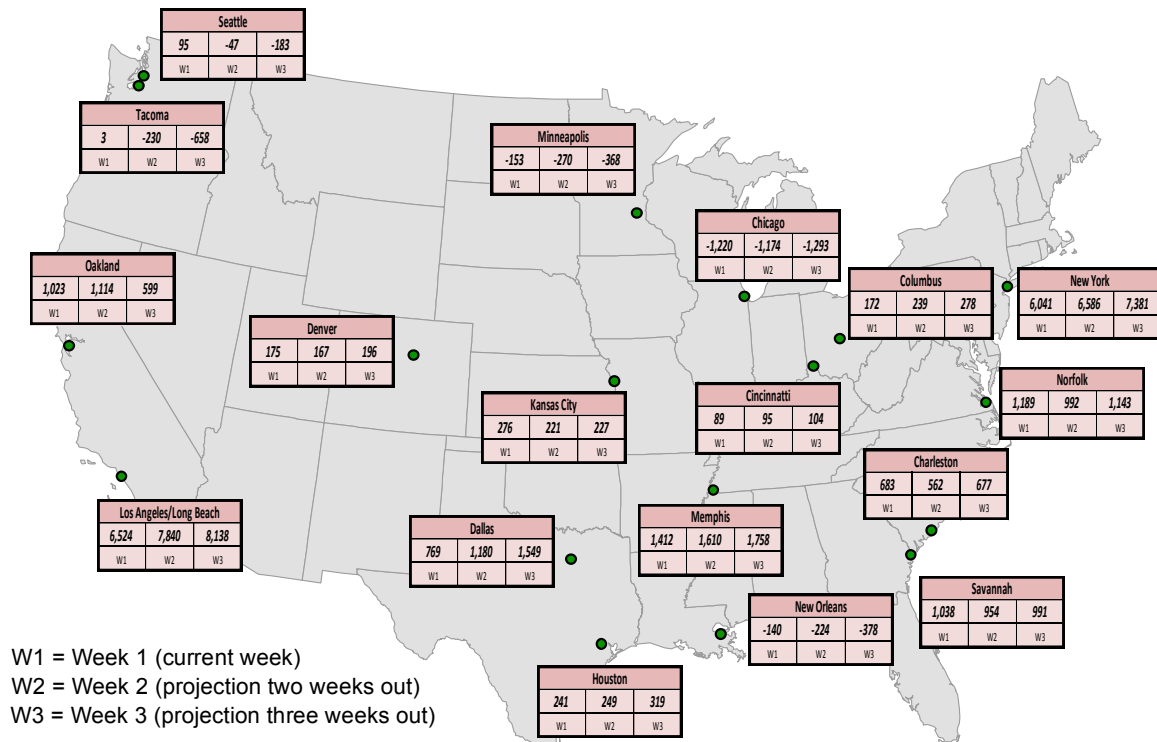
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

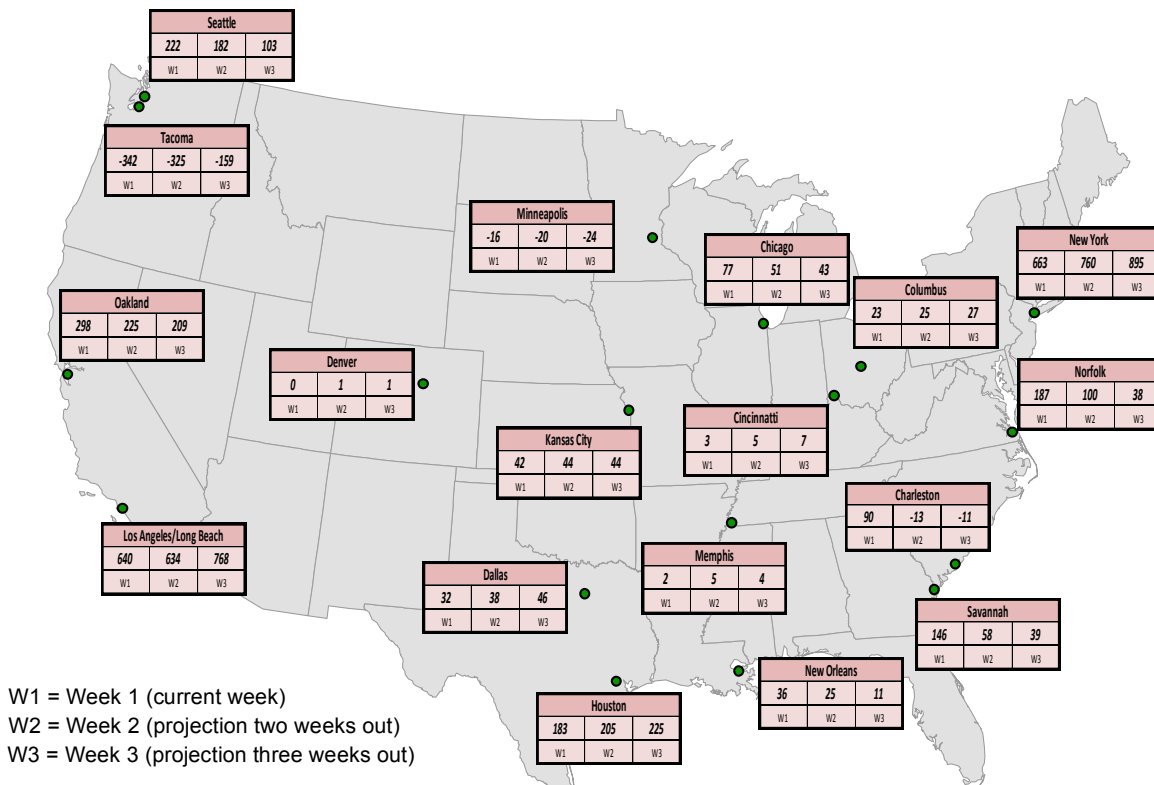


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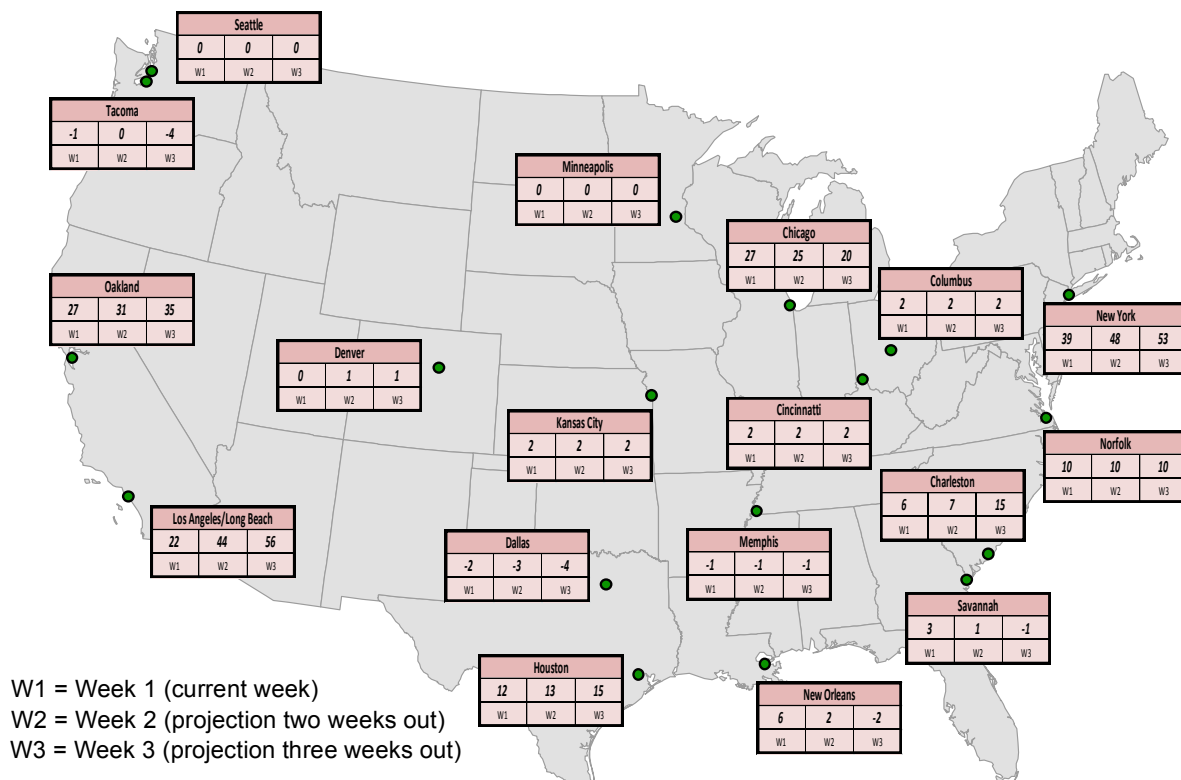
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	164	93	78	40	30	1	.	.	.	.	406
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	112	77	127	40	52	1	.	.	.	.	409
Week 3: Apr 2-8	105	83	145	40	55	1	.	.	.	.	429
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	172	109	81	52	10	2	.	.	.	.	426
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	75	60	106	25	10	1	.	.	.	.	277
Week 3: Apr 2-8	68	48	131	21	10	3	.	.	.	.	281
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	249	222	117	64	30	1	.	.	.	.	683
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	68	329	69	63	30	3	.	.	.	.	562
Week 3: Apr 2-8	66	428	48	104	30	1	.	.	.	.	677
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	85	14	10	5	0	-24	.	.	.	.	90
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	70	14	11	5	0	-113	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: Apr 2-8	55	14	12	5	0	-97	.	.	.	.	-11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	4	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Apr 2-8	11	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	837	30	4	-11	-49	-300	.	.	.	.	511
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,050	64	2	-13	-59	-300	.	.	.	.	744
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1,287	86	3	-15	-197	-300	.	.	.	.	864
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	28	-5	-7	-36	-37	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,457
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	-91	-4	-2	-28	-132	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,657
Week 3: Apr 2-8	-264	-5	-4	14	-74	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,733
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	371	98	1	-139	-151	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,220
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	470	51	1	-42	-254	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,174
Week 3: Apr 2-8	584	-6	1	-50	-422	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,293
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	46	25	6	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	77
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	22	30	1	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 3: Apr 2-8	19	30	-6	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	43
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	14	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	11	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Apr 2-8	8	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	53	34	27	12	-2	-5	119
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	63	42	50	11	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	160
Week 3: Apr 2-8	71	59	72	10	-2	-5	.	.	.	.	205
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	40	33	14	7	4	-30	.	.	.	.	68
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	45	18	12	10	0	-30	.	.	.	.	55
Week 3: Apr 2-8	49	21	16	21	1	-30	.	.	.	.	78
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	25	20	18	12	9	5	.	.	.	.	89
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	25	19	10	18	18	5	.	.	.	.	95
Week 3: Apr 2-8	25	23	11	24	19	2	.	.	.	.	104
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Apr 2-8	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	2	2
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	2	2
Week 3: Apr 2-8	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	110	28	14	10	3	0	165
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	140	39	23	8	3	-1	.	.	.	.	212
Week 3: Apr 2-8	169	56	14	12	3	-2	.	.	.	.	252
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	39	27	14	10	-3	-40	.	.	.	.	47
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	43	16	29	11	-1	-40	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Apr 2-8	43	12	57	14	0	-40	.	.	.	.	86
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	100	75	15	-1	-2	-15	.	.	.	.	172
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	100	112	15	-1	31	-18	.	.	.	.	239
Week 3: Apr 2-8	100	140	10	-2	54	-24	.	.	.	.	278
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	23	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Apr 2-8	27	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	2	2
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	2	2
Week 3: Apr 2-8	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	165	79	72	42	40	6	404
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	269	121	94	19	40	6	.	.	.	.	549
Week 3: Apr 2-8	376	164	88	74	40	7	.	.	.	.	749
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	125	50	15	12	9	-47	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	193	50	91	85	7	33	.	.	.	.	459
Week 3: Apr 2-8	257	50	90	162	8	116	.	.	.	.	683
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	309	150	133	109	59	9	.	.	.	.	769
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	361	150	266	188	207	8	.	.	.	.	1,180
Week 3: Apr 2-8	520	150	394	281	200	4	.	.	.	.	1,549
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	42	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	50	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Apr 2-8	60	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	-2	-2
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	-3	-3
Week 3: Apr 2-8	-4	-4

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	24	20	6	4	1	-7	48
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	36	7	8	0	1	-6	.	.	.	.	46
Week 3: Apr 2-8	48	10	12	1	1	-5	.	.	.	.	67
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	24	15	14	7	5	1	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	44	25	7	9	5	-1	.	.	.	.	89
Week 3: Apr 2-8	63	31	-7	8	5	-2	.	.	.	.	98
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	67	66	32	7	2	1	.	.	.	.	175
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	33	91	36	7	-1	1	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Apr 2-8	30	115	47	7	-4	1	.	.	.	.	196
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 2-8	0	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	0	0	0
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1	0	1
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1	0	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	150	10	0	-12	-54	-274	-180
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	5	12	-2	-150	-386	.	.	.	.	-371
Week 3: Apr 2-8	150	4	10	-14	-219	-469	.	.	.	.	-538
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	200	63	31	20	2	-179	.	.	.	.	137
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	200	84	16	44	2	-254	.	.	.	.	92
Week 3: Apr 2-8	200	94	8	47	3	-365	.	.	.	.	-13
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	199	70	37	10	5	-80	.	.	.	.	241
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	219	70	46	30	5	-121	.	.	.	.	249
Week 3: Apr 2-8	275	70	58	28	2	-114	.	.	.	.	319
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	160	21	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	183
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	175	31	2	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	205
Week 3: Apr 2-8	170	52	2	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	225
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	18	0	-6	12
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	18	0	-5	13
Week 3: Apr 2-8	19	0	-4	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	150	28	1	1	-5	-63	112
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	31	4	1	-3	-68	.	.	.	.	115
Week 3: Apr 2-8	150	49	18	1	-4	-22	.	.	.	.	192
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	64	25	11	4	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-207
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	46	22	21	-14	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-236
Week 3: Apr 2-8	37	29	28	-17	-12	-300	.	.	.	.	-235
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	250	83	0	-2	-14	-41	.	.	.	.	276
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	250	81	-21	-11	-15	-63	.	.	.	.	221
Week 3: Apr 2-8	250	89	-20	-21	-15	-56	.	.	.	.	227
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	27	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	24	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Apr 2-8	19	25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	2	2
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	2	2
Week 3: Apr 2-8	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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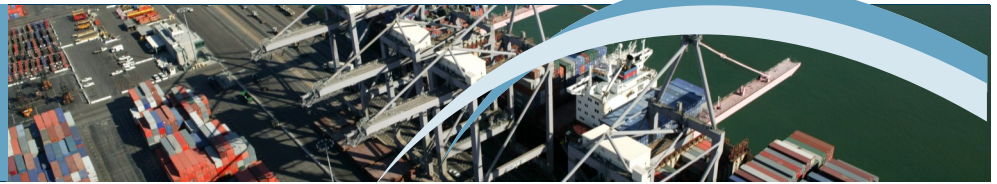


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	573	336	300	147	44	-57	.	.	.	.	1,343
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	747	655	300	339	40	58	.	.	.	.	2,139
Week 3: Apr 2-8	934	648	300	543	40	130	.	.	.	.	2,595
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	1,331	750	657	428	392	55	.	.	.	.	3,613
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,671	750	994	528	710	52	.	.	.	.	4,705
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1,989	750	1,203	627	707	45	.	.	.	.	5,321
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	3,400	1,562	823	624	63	52	.	.	.	.	6,524
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	3,400	2,236	767	1,393	-8	52	.	.	.	.	7,840
Week 3: Apr 2-8	3,400	2,596	819	1,365	-92	50	.	.	.	.	8,138
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	334	132	75	66	53	-20	.	.	.	.	640
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	356	138	75	79	36	-50	.	.	.	.	634
Week 3: Apr 2-8	445	135	75	93	60	-40	.	.	.	.	768
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	19	10	-7	22
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	32	10	2	44
Week 3: Apr 2-8	45	10	1	56

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	80	39	7	6	4	-104	32
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	80	13	11	4	28	-129	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Apr 2-8	80	32	10	4	60	-152	.	.	.	.	34
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	158	20	1	-8	-41	-101	.	.	.	.	29
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	20	1	4	-45	-50	.	.	.	.	80
Week 3: Apr 2-8	182	20	3	2	-37	15	.	.	.	.	185
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	900	228	216	44	22	2	.	.	.	.	1,412
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	900	232	338	112	24	4	.	.	.	.	1,610
Week 3: Apr 2-8	900	246	415	170	23	4	.	.	.	.	1,758
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	6	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	11	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Apr 2-8	12	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Apr 2-8	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	85	48	3	-6	-39	-100	-9
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	95	2	1	-7	-142	-100	.	.	.	.	-151
Week 3: Apr 2-8	110	-70	0	-7	-233	-100	.	.	.	.	-300
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	19	6	-8	-33	-200	-285	.	.	.	.	-501
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	-33	5	-8	-41	-200	-380	.	.	.	.	-657
Week 3: Apr 2-8	-53	3	-8	-48	-200	-475	.	.	.	.	-781
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	150	24	0	-8	-40	-279	.	.	.	.	-153
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	-7	-1	-8	-46	-358	.	.	.	.	-270
Week 3: Apr 2-8	150	-31	-2	-9	-45	-431	.	.	.	.	-368
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: Apr 2-8	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-24
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	0	0
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	0	0
Week 3: Apr 2-8	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	378	11	4	0	-3	-54	.	.	.	.	336
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	285	7	5	0	-1	-92	.	.	.	.	204
Week 3: Apr 2-8	198	8	4	0	-2	-123	.	.	.	.	85
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	223	11	6	5	1	0	.	.	.	.	246
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	199	10	-7	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	207
Week 3: Apr 2-8	157	10	-3	5	0	0	.	.	.	.	169
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	19	10	3	0	0	-172	.	.	.	.	-140
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	4	12	7	0	0	-247	.	.	.	.	-224
Week 3: Apr 2-8	-4	9	8	0	1	-392	.	.	.	.	-378
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	30	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	27	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Apr 2-8	21	-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	6	0	6
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	6	-4	2
Week 3: Apr 2-8	6	-8	-2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	994	500	468	259	252	18	2,491
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,367	500	510	454	182	25	.	.	.	.	3,038
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1,767	500	681	494	175	20	.	.	.	.	3,637
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	1,026	886	400	305	218	20	.	.	.	.	2,855
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1,318	910	400	427	137	23	.	.	.	.	3,215
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1,599	1,113	400	442	122	20	.	.	.	.	3,696
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	2,300	1,787	1,088	600	246	20	.	.	.	.	6,041
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	2,300	1,741	1,515	835	162	33	.	.	.	.	6,586
Week 3: Apr 2-8	2,300	1,973	1,954	975	149	30	.	.	.	.	7,381
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	255	181	148	60	10	9	.	.	.	.	663
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	236	260	159	65	10	30	.	.	.	.	760
Week 3: Apr 2-8	259	321	233	50	10	22	.	.	.	.	895
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	35	5	-1	39
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	37	5	6	48
Week 3: Apr 2-8	39	5	9	53

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	91	87	85	80	55	35	433
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	27	43	80	80	103	40	.	.	.	.	373
Week 3: Apr 2-8	20	-14	99	80	153	10	.	.	.	.	348
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	175	106	50	32	6	-16	.	.	.	.	353
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	175	50	66	152	7	2	.	.	.	.	452
Week 3: Apr 2-8	175	88	86	171	10	1	.	.	.	.	531
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	450	273	176	150	132	8	.	.	.	.	1,189
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	450	142	255	170	-31	6	.	.	.	.	992
Week 3: Apr 2-8	450	132	350	242	-36	5	.	.	.	.	1,143
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	101	64	18	10	0	-6	.	.	.	.	187
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	110	-1	16	10	0	-35	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: Apr 2-8	82	-51	27	10	0	-30	.	.	.	.	38
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Apr 2-8	7	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	250	190	118	8	5	-56	515
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	250	215	52	9	2	91	.	.	.	.	619
Week 3: Apr 2-8	250	144	-3	29	7	88	.	.	.	.	515
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	602	2	-9	-40	-56	-71	.	.	.	.	428
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	509	3	-47	-40	-2	-66	.	.	.	.	357
Week 3: Apr 2-8	478	6	-87	-40	-4	-67	.	.	.	.	286
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	604	300	265	265	9	-420	.	.	.	.	1,023
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	519	300	271	214	7	-197	.	.	.	.	1,114
Week 3: Apr 2-8	93	300	241	172	3	-210	.	.	.	.	599
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	293	53	30	13	-10	-81	.	.	.	.	298
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	228	39	30	39	-10	-101	.	.	.	.	225
Week 3: Apr 2-8	157	26	30	122	-20	-106	.	.	.	.	209
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	19	10	-2	27
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	25	10	-4	31
Week 3: Apr 2-8	31	10	-6	35

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	162	86	80	70	3	-245	156
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	181	101	80	68	3	-183	.	.	.	.	250
Week 3: Apr 2-8	233	126	80	64	3	-131	.	.	.	.	375
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	484	120	109	4	-28	-206	.	.	.	.	483
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	428	120	69	2	-65	-338	.	.	.	.	216
Week 3: Apr 2-8	427	120	41	3	-70	-475	.	.	.	.	46
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	820	300	80	15	0	-177	.	.	.	.	1,038
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	822	300	45	-9	0	-204	.	.	.	.	954
Week 3: Apr 2-8	879	300	79	-7	0	-260	.	.	.	.	991
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	98	55	35	12	10	-64	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	68	-9	30	14	10	-55	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Apr 2-8	62	-2	30	15	10	-76	.	.	.	.	39
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	3	1	-1	3
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	3	1	-3	1
Week 3: Apr 2-8	3	1	-5	-1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	362	90	24	5	481
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	338	90	32	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	468
Week 3: Apr 2-8	329	90	26	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	454
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	150	128	17	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	297
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	150	107	-8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	254
Week 3: Apr 2-8	150	79	-27	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	211
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	240	8	6	-159	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	240	-30	4	-261	.	.	.	.	.	.	-47
Week 3: Apr 2-8	240	-70	9	-362	.	.	.	.	.	.	-183
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	178	34	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	222
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	154	28	20	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	182
Week 3: Apr 2-8	66	27	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	103
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	1	-1	0
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1	-1	0
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1	-1	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	236	132	39	8	5	420
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	187	145	66	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	411
Week 3: Apr 2-8	106	148	60	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	327
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	360	15	7	-75	-143	.	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	220	15	8	-130	-116	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Apr 2-8	155	15	8	-173	-105	.	.	.	.	.	-100
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	142	141	80	8	-368	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	56	-61	80	9	-314	.	.	.	.	.	-230
Week 3: Apr 2-8	-38	-390	80	10	-320	.	.	.	.	.	-658
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	198	5	0	-255	-290	.	.	.	.	.	-342
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	255	5	0	-311	-274	.	.	.	.	.	-325
Week 3: Apr 2-8	265	5	0	-193	-236	.	.	.	.	.	-159
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 19-25	1	-2	-1
Week 2: Mar 26-Apr 1	1	-1	0
Week 3: Apr 2-8	1	-5	-4

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

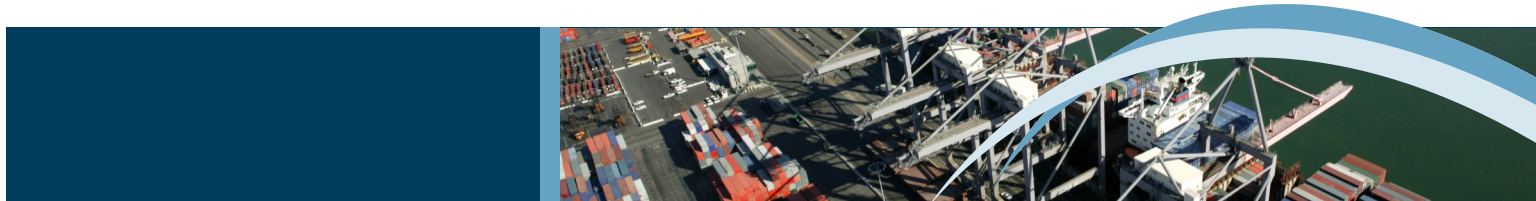
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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